

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute on the merits the subject matter of Group IV, claims 161 to 167, drawn to a method of forming enantiomerically-enriched tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) or a salt thereof from neopterin, classified in class 544, subclass 251. Applicants respectfully request that the claims of Group IV be examined. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional, continuation, and/or continuation in part applications.

SUMMARY

Should the Examiner believe that prosecution of this application might be expedited by further discussion of any remaining issue; the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned representative of Applicants, Dale L. Rieger, Ph.D., by phone at (858) 314-1200 or by email at driege@jonesday.com.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3013 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 2, 2009

By:



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